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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Edward J. Cain

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 February 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 18-29, 32-37 and 40 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 18-22, 24-29, 32, 33, 35, 37 and 40 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 23, 34 and 36 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

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- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

The Request for Continued Examination received 2/8/07 has been made of record. Claims 18-29, 32-37 and 40 are pending.

The rejection under 35 USC 102(b) contained in the previous office action is withdrawn in view of applicants' amendments.

The indicated allowability of claims 18-29, 32-37 and 40 contained in the previous office action is withdrawn in view of new prior art.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 18, 20-22, 24-29 and 40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kerner et al.

Kerner et al disclose coated silica compositions. These compositions are taught as comprising a first coating material which is seen as a dispersing agent (column 3, lines 2-3) and a second coating material such as silicone oil (example 7). Relative amounts of coating and particle sizes meeting the limitations of the rejected claims are taught. Processes for coating comprising admixing the coating materials into a dispersion of silica particles produced from a filter cake is taught.

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Claims 18-22, 24-29, 32, 33 and 35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Mei et al.

Mei et al disclose inorganic particles coated with two or more organic components, at least one of which is taught as aiding in the dispersion of the particles in polymers. The coating processes are taught as including those in which the particles are coated in powder form and those in which particles are in dispersion form. These compositions are taught as suitable for the addition to inks, adhesives, etc. The recitation of inks is seen as inherently disclosing printed paper and thus meeting the limitation of claim 33. Applicants' limitation to a medical adjuvant is seen as broad enough to encompass at least one of the applications taught by the reference.

While the products of claims 32-37 require the particles produced by the process of claim 18, no patentably distinct properties are seen in the particles produced by the process of claim 18 as compared to those produced by the process of claim 19.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 37 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mei et al in view of Milhoya et al.

Mei et al discloses coated particulate materials suitable for ink applications as discussed above. The reference fails to explicitly disclose the use of antifoam agents.

The Milhoya et al reference teaches the suitable addition of antifoam agents to inks comprising similarly coated particulates. Applicants limitation to amounts up to 3% are seen as having been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art and easily determined by routinism.

Claims 23, 34 and 36 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Edward J. Cain whose telephone number is (571) 272-1118. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 10:00 to 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vasu Jagannathan, can be reached on 571 272-1119. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Primary Examiner
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